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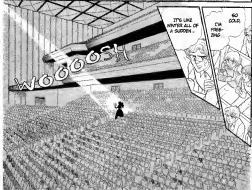
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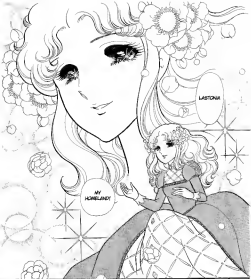
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SUZIE MILICHI









LAST YEAR

MY
HOME LANE



PRINCESS
ALSO
AM I...

EACH YEAR
EMERGED BY
WINTER FOR
MY MONTHS...

...MAKES WINTER'S
AGGRESSION UNDOE!

A SINGLE SMILE
DOETH MELT
HIS SHIELD

BUT A
SMILE FROM
PERSE-
PHONE

Ow!

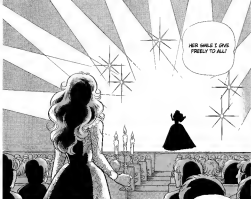
SPRING
GODS
YES!

YOUR
WILDLANDER
AM I

THOUGH IN
WINTER'S GRASP,
HIS EYES ARE
ALIGHT WITH SPRING

YOUR GARDEN
DOETH ENRAGE
MY HEART

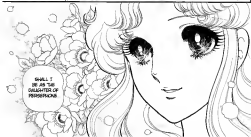




HER GIRLS I GIVE
FREELY TO ALL!



FOR ALL THOSE
SUBJECT TO
OUR OWN
CURSE...



SHALL I
BE AN THE
DAUGHTER OF
PERSIMMONS?



It's unbearable...

and is replaced by the warmth of spring.

The icy cold atmosphere vanished.



THE ATMOSPHERE INSTANTLY CHANGED.

TWO TWO TWO TWO TWO

WOOT



THE PLACE SEEMS BRIGHTER NOW!

THE AIR HAS TURNED WARM.

IT CAN'T BE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE STAGE LIGHTS...



I can see a glowing halo surrounding her!



Why?

Megal

She routes
the warmth
of spring!

TEMPEST!

MY MINIONS!

FLASH

Tzot

DOOMED
BE THE
BAILY

ON VARIOUS
FIGHT!

INTO THE
BREACH WY
AROUND!

THE KEEP
WILL
FALL!

DID THEY
THINKST
THERE
WOULD
BE
HEROY

THAT ARE
HEART
WOULDN'T BE
UNLAWFULITY

NOT
UNTIL THE
CITADEL
FALLS!

Part

WITH YOUR
SWORD
OF FIGHT,
PETTER
THEM!

BARRICADE
IN THAT
CASTLE LEAD
THE FORT

BRING TO
THEM THE
DEATH CHILL!



UNTIL IT FALLS
THE DANCE THAT
RAGES WITHIN
WILL NOT CEASE...

THE ICE
WILL
REMAIN...



LADY ORCHILD,
HOW ARE YOU?
YET ARE YOU
CONTENT IN THIS
CURSED PLACE?

AS BAD
TO SUCH
SITUATION
I'WOULD BE
FAR BETTER.



BUT ALONE
SACRIFICES THE
WEALTH OF
STRESS...

ORCHILD MAKES
PEOPLE FEEL
THE ICE COLD
OF WINTER.

THEIR CON-
TRASTING PER-
FORMANCES...

JUST BY
APPEARING ON
STAGE THEY
CHANGE THE
ATMOSPHERE.



AND HER BEAR
MARK ITALIAN.

AS EXPECTED FROM
JULIAN HENDERSON
WHO WON THE BEST
ACTRESS AWARD

WHAT WILL
BECOME OF
THIS PLAY?

BOTH ARE
GRAND!

AND ON THOSE
OCCASION, SOME
JOURNEYMANS
TACK.

STALE BREAD
AND COLD
SOUP BE YOUR
BANQUET.

...AND THIS
SLIVER OF A
WINDOW!

THE AIR OF SPRING
WITH COME, YET
THE TOWER OR
THE COURTYARD
BE YOUR ONLY
POOLS OF WARMTH
AND LIGHT...

EVEN TO REBEL
IN FRIENDLY
DISCOURSE OR
THE STRAINS OF
MUSIC ARE YOU
FORGIVEN.

MOTH-EATEN AND
RATS ARE YOUR
ROOMS...

THEN, SOBE,
WISH THAT THE
DOPING OF MY
STATUS AS HER
APPARATUS?

A SLAVERY BE FAR
BETTER THAN THIS
LIVING DEATH!

FORGOTTEN
AND YOU

WOULDN'T
THE HEART...

...BE
BETTER?

THIS ADVICE
DO BOTH THE
PRIEST AND
THE KINGDOM
LIPS...

LADY
OROSLOF?

FREEDOM WILL
YOU HAVE.

THOUGH THE
NEEDMENTS AND
ACCOMMODATIONS
OF NOBILITY AND
THE COURTSHIP
OF SUITORS WILL
YOU FORGIVE.



HA
HA

THE GUARDS ARE DEEP
IN THEIR REVELRY
TO TOAST PRINCESS
ALOE'S BIRTH DAY WITH
THE CASTLE BEST WINE



HA
HA
HA



DEVOURER OF THE GODS,
BETTER THAN A FORCE
OF A BILLION... NOT
TEN MILLION LOYAL
RETAINERS...



DESPITE THEIR
BLOOD IS OF EQUAL
TEMPERAMENT ROYAL,
YOU ARE BRAGGART
HERE TO RESIDE

IF BOTH
WRACK AND
HEART TO
BEHOLD
YOU TRULY

PRIN-
CESS
ALOELO
...

YOUR HOME IS
BUT THREE ROOM
BARRIC ROOMS.



THIS
SHALL
PASS...

TIME HAS
TAUGHT ME...
THIS SHALL PASS



TO
THAT

KROCHS IS MY
ONE TRUE ALY.



NURSE, DON'T
TALK KNOWING
WHO IS MY
STOUTEST ALY??

NOR WINE UNCLE,
MY COLD INTEREST
BROTHER'S
YOUNGER
BROTHER.

IT'S NOT
THE KING,
WHICH
BLOOD I
DEAR



LET PETTY LAY AMID
YOUR CROWN, FOR
TO A NUNNERY YOU
CAN DENY THIS
WRETCHED PLACE.

MILADY ORSLED, MY
THOUGHTS GO
WORTHY IN CONFUSION...

AND ALTHOUGH
PRISON-LIKE SUCH A
PLACE MAY BE, THOU
WOULDEST COMMAND
SOME BETTER PRIVILEGE
OF STAYERS THERE.

FORTHEE, LET ME SPEAK
FAR BETTER THAN TO STAY
IN SUCH A GOLF GROVE
WOULD THE CHASTITY OF
A NUNNERY BE.



DOFF TAKE
OWN GOWN
AND RECEIVE
THE WORT.

I WILL
NOT GO,
NURSE.



AND HIS MAJESTY'S
PROMISE OF FREEDOM
LAYS UPON THE WORT.



LASTONIA
BE MY
BIRTHRIGHT

ROYAL AM I, AND
FIRST TO THE
THRONE!

SECOND IN
SUCCESSION IS
MY BROTHER
JOHANNES

AND ALDR,
THIRD!



A PRIN-
CESS OF
LASTONIA!



TRULY THY
WITS HAVE
FLED, NURSE!

ROYAL
IS MY
BLOOD!



NEVER WOULD
I UNDERTAKE
SUCH A FALL!

SHALL I LEAVE
MY THROAT FOR
A CLEFT HILL
MY BROTHERHOOD
FOR STONY?



TAP
TAP
TAP



LADY
ORCHARD



I HAVE
COME
FOR AN
AUDIENCE
WITH THE
LADY
ORCHARD

ATTEND, I
AM BARON
BLOODGOWN!

ENTER,
ALONG!



YOUR
PRESENCE
IS MOST
PLEASING,
BARON.

TOD-LORD
HAVE I
BEEN
ABSENT,
LADY
ORIGELD.



AM YOU
WELL,
LADY?

YOU ARE
RETURN...



PRINCESS,
BARON
BLOOMSON
SEEMS AN
AUDIENCE.

NO HIM
ENTER.



I HAVE THE KING'S
TRUST, LADY ORIGELD.

BESIDES THE PRIEST AND
TUTOR, THEY ARE MY
SOLE VISITOR ALLOWED,
BARON BLOOMSON.

A NEW
EMBROIDERING
KIT AND A BOOK
ABOUT THE ORIENT.

WHAT FINE
THOU BROUGHT
TODAY?



WELL,
LADY
ORIGELD,
REMEMBER TO
BRING THE
BLOOD AND
STATION.

THOU ART
TRUSTED SO
FOR FATHERHOOD,
HE BELIEVES
IN US.



WITH THE
DINITY!

OUR NEIGHBOUR
EDWARD, COMING FOR
LADYBORN BLOOD, HAVE
A BLOODY FACT MADE
WITH DENMARK.

HUSH!



AND SOME
GOOD
NEWS

GOOD
NEWS?



SWIFTLY IT
HAD COME...

TIME...



I KNOW YOUR
HEART, LADY
CONSIDER
THIS IS OUR
INTENT, REBELS
TO THE KING, WE
WISH TO LIVE
UNDER YOUR
REIGN.

BE AS-
SURED,

THAT THE
DANGER AT HIS
HEART IS MY
HIDDEN AGEND
I'WOULD
UNPUSHABLE
BE TO HER.

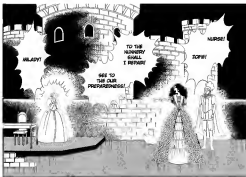
I HAVE
THE
KNIFE
TRUST.



YET MY
FATHER I
CONSIDER
HIM NOT.



TURN



WELADY!

TO THE
HUNNERY
SHALL
I RETREAT

MURDER!

SCRY!

SEE TO
THE OUR
PREPAREDNESS!



LADY
ORCELY!

AT YOUR
CALL
AM I

OH!
SUCH A
SLOWLY
TURN!

WAGON, BODENWICH,
UNLESS I DON THE
HUNT, GHOST I RETREAT
THIS PLACE.

SWIFTLY
SHALL I
PREPARE,
BEFORE ANY
OTHER WHO
BLOW THROUGH
YOUR HEART



IT IS DEEP
WITHIN THE BLACK
FOREST, THE VILLA
OF EARL HORN.

SAFE
IS IT?

SPRINGING
TO OUR
SAFE HARBOR.

SEEKING YOU AS
TO THE HUNNERY
YOU TRAVEL.

AND SHALL
MY COMP-
DETACHES FALL
UPON YOUR
CARRION.

GREAT SYMPATHY
DID THE QUEEN AND
COUNT AUGUST
REVEAL.

OF
COURSE.

WELCOME,
WILL I BE?

EARL
HOLM?

HIS TOOT
NOW
I AM
ASSURED...

BY JOINING
WITH US, YOU
CAN ONLY
STRENGTHEN
THE RED LILY
LEAGUE.

YOUR MEN
SHALL WE BE
ENTRAINED
TO CHANGE
OUR LAND

OF ROYAL
DISSENT ARE YOU

AND THEN MAY
YOU ASCEND
THE THRONE.

WITH GREAT
ANTICIPATION
DO WE AWAIT
YOUR ARRIVAL.

YOU MUST
WARRANT
GREATER DETAIL
ABOUT OUR
NEXT ABILITY.

LET THE PRIEST
INFORM THE KING
THAT I WILL GO TO
THE HUNTERS.

BEHOLD,
YOU SPEAK
ABOUT
POTENTIAL.

AND LET THE
CITY BE
KNOWN
TO ME.

AT LAST...

I WILL

THE TIME
HAS
COME...

I SHALL
BEYOND
POTENTIAL.

YOUR WILL,
LADY
ORIGEL.

Tzot

NOW BE THE
HEAD OF THE
RED LILY
LEAGUE.

AAA, THE
FLAME OF
AMSTON HAS
SPARKED
IN ME.

IT
COVERS
MY BODY!

YES,
SOME!

YOU WILL LEAVE
HERE AT LAST,
MILORD!

YET NOT TO TAKE
HOLY WOND!



SHE'S KIND
CHERRY...

TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
FROM HER
USUAL
RAGE

IT'S
HARD
TO BEL-
IEVE...

IT'S THAT
FULLY
JULIE
HIM-
KAWAY

BLAM BLAM



IT'S
REA-
LITY
CURRENT

BUT YOU ARE
DROWN IN .



DAG-
GER...

DO YOU KISS
HER WHEN
YOUR MA-
JESTY?

ALL WILL BE
WELL WHEN
SHE IS NO
LONGER
ROYAL...

GOOD, THAT SHE
IS WILLING TO
ENTER THE
HAPPY...



THEN
CROWD
WILL TAKE
THE HURT...

THOSE PAST HOUR
YEARS I HAVE
NOT SEEN HER...



BY YOUR FATHER'S COUNSEL
AND YOUR ADVICE DID I
ALLOW THAT SHE MAY
NOT BE HERE AND IN THE
WHITE DUNGEONS DID I
SUSPECT HER.

HER
SUFFERING
IS AT MY
COMMAND

MY QUEEN
MY DAUGHTER
IS DEAD



SILENCE





ALL
READY!
ATTACK!



BE PRE-
PARED

PRINCESS
ORANGE'S
GARRAGE SHOULD
ARRIVE ANYON.

THE GARRAGE
IS APPROACH-
ING!



WHAT? WHY IS
THE ROYAL
GUARD HERE?



CAPTURE THE
RED LILY
REBELS!



SWIFTLY,
CAPTURE
THAT MAN!

BARON BYORNISSON
IS A PRINCIPAL
REBEL WHO IS SET
AGAINST THE KING.

LADY
ORSLEYD



THE KING'S
BLOOD RUNS IN
MY VEINS!

BE-
TRAYED YOU?

AND WHAT
TREASON
DOES THAT
SPEAK OF?



AS YOU SEE,
GENERAL, I
SPEAK BUT
TRUTH!

WOULDN'T I ALIGN
WITH TREASONOUS
SWAGGER?

BARON BYORNISSON...
EARL HOLAR,
YOU TOO!!

I SERVE ONLY
MY KING



THE REST OF THE
TRAITORS HAVE
GATHERED THERE!

EARL HOLAR'S
VILLA IN THE
BLACK FOREST
IS THE HIDEOUT OF
THE RED LAY
LEAGUE!

YOU HAVE
BETRAYED
US, LADY
ORSLEYD!





ONE DAY I
WILL ASCEND
THE THRONE!



THE TIME
HAS COME
AT LAST...

YET
THIS IS A
SMALL
SUCCESS...
FOR...



TRUST, I
DO NOT...

THIS DOES MY
JOURNEY BEGIN.

SLIDE

...AND
DO I
LOVE.



BUT... I CAN'T
TAKE MY EYES
OFF HER
ORGUELY!



HER EX-
PRESSION
IS SO
COLD!

AVEN-
HOM-
FAR-
VA!

IT'S
SCARY!







I know
Ayumi-san
would be
great

I can't
believe it,
I'm so
called

A truly
great Orisaki

However, my
heart is just
like a calm
ocean

I wouldn't
be surprised if
she got all the
spotlight.



Only on this
stage can I
keep on living
as Akiho

Princess
Akiho.

I am
Akiho.

But right
now it doesn't
matter

I always
thought that I
couldn't lose to
her in acting.



But I have
millions of
lives!

An ordinary
person can only
live one life...



Right now I
have to live
as Aldia!



SUCH LOYALTY,
AND SPIRIT
THAN ANY "GASSEL"

NO, LOVE
MUST BE
HER BODY

YET NO POLICE
DOES SHE
DEAR HIM,
EVEN LEADING
HIM AID.

ON SUSPICION OF INFIDELITY
FOR WHICH HER MOTHER
WAS EXECUTED, SHE WAS
SENTENCED IN THE WHITE
PRISONERS FOR ABOUT
YEARS AT HIS
MAJESTY'S COMMAND!



YOUR MAJESTY,
HERE IS MY
REPORT OF LUCY
CHILDREN'S WORDS.



FLASH



OR-
GELD

EIGHT YEARS DID I
SENTENCE HER TO
PRISON WITH MARY
A GLANCE FROM ME,
AND YET...



"WOULDN'T
I ALONE
WITH TERA-
SON'S
SARVEST"

"THE KING'S
BLOOD TRIMS
IN MY YEARS"

TIS SAYS
SAYS TO
BARRON
BLOOMSON

PAIR DID IT
PIERCE MY HEART,
HER WORDS.

"I SERVE
ONLY MY
KING."



"WOULD SEEM HIS
MAJESTY WISHED
HER A FAIRER
COMMODE."

TIS SAYS THE
LADY ORGELD
NOW RESIDES AT
GENERAL KING'S
CHAPELRY

AND BY HIS
MAJESTY'S
ORDER



HEAR!

NONE HAS
SEEN HER
YET...

THE
QUEEN
APPROACH-
CHIEF



ONE
WON-
DERS
WHAT
KIND OF
PERSON
IS SHE?

LADY ORGELD
HAS YET TO
MAKE HER DEBUT
IN SOCIETY...

YET TIS SAYS
TUTORS OF ELEGANT
AND CIVIL DISPOSITION
ARRIVE AND DEPART
GENERAL KING'S
PALACE DAILY

IT'S BLOOD... THE
BARONS ABOUT
THAT JUSTIFIED
ENGINEERED THE
PREVIOUS
QUEEN'S DEMISE!

THE FEAR OF
THE QUEEN AND
HER FATHERS THAT
SHE'S VENTURES
NEAR LADY
ORRIS!

AND WITH
HER FATHERS,
PURE
GOTTREID,
TO WIN!

LET
PRUDENCE
FEEL OUR
TONGUES!

HUSH!

HEA, TRAPPED
BY THE CURSE
THAT HIS OWN
DAUGHTER
WANTED TAKE
HER PLACE...

POOR

POOR

HEA'S
ABOUT

UPON MY ENTRANCE,
THOSE I KNOW WHO
FEELING MY SISTER
BECOME ALIVE AND
MELT AWAY.



Wryya...

MY
SISTER
ORDELD

THOUGH WE
BUT SWORE
A FATHER...

LOVE AND
LOYALTY WAS
BARE SHOWN FOR
THE KING AT
HER OWN PERIL

ALTHOUGH FOR EIGHT
YEARS
FREEDOM
TAKEN
WALICE
HAD NOT
CLAIMED HER

NOBLE
IS SHE!

WONDERFUL
MUST SHE
BE!

FROM



OOOH



AAHH

MUCH MALICE
WILL SHE
MEET.

IS THERE
CRASH? I
MAY DO?



WILL
THOU
HELP
ME?

LET US
PONDER
THIS AWHILE

Y'EMMA?

AND LET US
HOLD THIS
CLOSE!

YOUR
MOM-
MOM...

SPEAK
NOT OF
BLACK
TERMS!

A SUIT FOR PEACE
IS TO GIVE FOR
TERROR! DISPLAYING
TO ALL OUR LACK
OF STRENGTH!

THE LAND
LEFT TO US

BY OUR
ANCESTORS
WERE PAID
FOR IN
BLOOD!

EVEN NOW
DO THEY
ENCROACH OUR
NORTHERN
PEP.

AND UPON
THIS
WEAKNESS
WILL THEY
GATHER AN
GARRISON...

ALONG
WITH
THEIR
DEVIL'S
CAVAL-
CADET!

YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!

Hohoho!

LADY
ALONG!

WITH OUR
LAND OVER
TERRITORY

WHO
SHALL BE
THE KING'S
COMPAN-
ION

GET A
HOLD OF
YOUR
SELF...

WELL
IT'S HER
ADVICE!

Hohoho!

Hohoho!



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?

O-PLEASE,
MERCY!

HERE NOW
IS THE HOUR
OF YOUR
DOOM!

PUNISHED
MUST HE BE
AFORE HIS
EXECUTION.

THE WRETCH HAST
CAUSED THE LOSS
OF ALL THE
ROSES!

SOON HAS HE
BEEN FOUND.
THE PRINCESS'S
ROSES
RESPECTED.

FORGIVE
HIM.

FATHER

HAST THOU
TRULY BEEN
DESERVED?

A HUNDRED
LASHES BE HIS
FIT AND JUST
PUNISHMENT!

NO, NO,
YOUR
HIGHNESS!

PLEASE,
HOLD!

THE ROSES
HAST NOT
WITHERED
UNDER THIS
GENTLE
GARDENERS
HAND.

GOD HAVE
MERCY!

WIT GREAT
CARE DO I TEND
THE FLOWERS,
YET STILL DO
THEY WITHER.



CALLER
THAS THE
BEAUTY

THAT HATH
COVERED
THESE DETAILS
WITH FLOCKED
JEWELS



TOO OPT,
HARRIS IS
OUR FIDDLE
CLARITY.

YET HARRISON HAD
HIS FACE FROM US,
OVERSHADOWED BY
BROTHERS CLOUDS,
THE SKY WENT ONCE
MORE.

THAS OUR
THOUGHT THE
TOUCH OF HEAVLY
PERSONAGE!
HAD RETURNED



THE
THE HAND

THE THE
CLOUDS



THE ROOMS
HATH
REVEALED!

THAS NOT
THEIR
FIRST
FORM!

OR REVEALING
OUR SUBTLE-
MENT CRYING,
PRODIGY
MORE...

ALPHA!



SHALL WE
BRING THEM
TO THE
HEADMAN'S AUST?

RETURN NOT WOULD
THE FLOWERS EVEN
SHOULD THE CHILD-
BURY BE WATERED
WITH THE GARDENER'S
BLOOD.

BEACON, THE
BRIGHT ONE AND
ITS CLOUDED
CLOCK IS STAINED
WITH BUILT

AS THE
HASTILNESS
DENDING IN
THEIR SUB-
TERRANEAN
TUNED OR-
NAMENTAL?

LADY
ALPHA!

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!







NEVERMIND THEY
DO NOT WISH ME
NEAR MY
SISTER.

LET IT BE
SECRET,
FATHER!



OH,
HUSH...

AND AHA!
THE PRESENTS
FOR LADY
ORIGELD...



OVER-
JOYED?



OVER-
JOYED
WAS
SHE!

AND
PERMITTED
ME TO
CONVEY HER
GRATITUDE.



MY
GIFTS
WILL
BRING
HER
HAPPY-
NESS?

REA-
LLY?



PHUW



MY FLOOR
GISTER HAS
MY PRESENTS
ACCEPTED...

LORD!

SUCH
GENTLE
QUALITY IS
IN HERE!

IMPRISONED
FOR SO
LONG...

I BUT THOUGHT
HATED WOULD
BE HER CHIEF
CONCERN...

THANK
YOU!



IT MAKES MY
HEART RELY
FASTER!

HE'S
BEAUTIFUL,
GRACEFUL,
WARM AND
GENTLE...

ALDO!
ACTING IS
AWESOME!

CHAR-
ING!



Miscon-
ceived

Sometimes
when I watch
you, I forget
you are an
actress...

And I have
the feeling I'm
in trust of a
real person, not
just an act...

Child-due,
who are you
really?





YET NO OTHER
COURSE LIES
BEFORE US...

RIGHTeous
YOUR
ANGER IS

IT'S THE
BETTER WAY.

OF THIS
SHALL WE
SOON A
BLOODY
CONFLICT



WHY?

THOU ASK OUR
DAUGHTER TO
BETROTH A SON
OF BRUTALTY

TO FIND HER
IN MARRIAGE
TO THE
ENEMY



AND AFTER THE
PRINCESS IS BACK
SAFELY BEHIND
OUR BORDERS,
WE MAY
CRUSH THEM!

THIS IS BUT A
PUNISHMENT FOR US TO
REWARD OUR RIGHT
TO HONOR

FOR MORE
THAT IS
NEGATIVE

WISDOM IS
FOUNDED IN AN
INTEREST TO
AID BROTHER-
HOOD MAN

TO DEFUSE
THEIR ENMITY IS
OF NO SMALL
IMPORTANCE.



THE KING-
DOMS SPEAK
OF HONOR
AND

A MAN-
TOLD I
WILL BE?

IS IT TRULY
NOT THAT I AM TO
BE BETROTHED TO
A SON OF BRUTALTY?



YOUR
MAD-
NESS

CAN SUCH
A MARRIAGE
PLACATE
HER ENMITY?

THOU
SPEAK OF MY
DAUGHTER
AS NON-
TACIT?





HER INSTINCT
AWAKENS
ON STAGE?



SHE'S NOT
FULLY HER-
SELF DURING
REHEARSALS!

ATTEM-
PTION



WHAT A
CHARACTER.
SHE MADE THE
AUDIENCE LAUGH
IN A SCENE LIKE
THAT!

WAAAAA

SHE'S MUCH
BETTER THAN
IN THE RE-
HEARSALS...

YOU'RE
RIGHT!



And
Orpheus...

Is just one of
my musical



The
Incorrupt and
Impeccable Alice
who charms
everyone

with her
angelic voice...

That's just
one of
Maya's
masks



I BUT
SUDDENLY
RECOGNIZED
YOU

LADY
JERRE!

OH,
REVEREND
FATHER!



WELL, DO
YOU LOOK

HAVE
YOU AT
GENERAL
HERZ'S
ARMS

FOR
FORTY
DAYS

IT BELIEVE
A RETURN
FROM THE
GRAVE

AND SO
SUITABLE
IS YOUR
DRESS



OH, ANOTHER
PRESENT
FROM LADY
ALDIS

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!

LADY
OR-
DELY

FROM
FOR-
GIVE
ALONG

ARE
THESE
COIN



WITH SUCH
A CLANDER

WHY
DON'T
YOU
CALL
SO





WITH THE
HEART OF AN
ANGEL!

LIKE AN ANGEL
OF PERFUMES, AND
WELL-LOVED HAVE I
HEARD OF HER.



LOVELY AND
TEMPERATE
THE WHISPERS
SAY...



LIKE PERFUMES,
REFUSED
ARE THOSE
AROUND HER BY
LIGHT AND
WARMTH...

MY SISTER
ALONE...

BELOVED BY HER
SUBJECTS ALL, AS
A DULCET ANGEL
FROM HEAVEN
BORN.

BELOVED OF
TEARS, EVERY
WHEN IS
POUNTED.



HOW
DEARLY
FULL!

MONDROUS
AND GENTLE
PRINCESS (LOVE
MUST BE)



CRUSH

ALONE...

MY
SISTER...



BY
NORRIS



STAND... IS...
IS THIS REALLY
OUR DAUGHTER?

FRUSH

GASP

WOW...
LINDA...

I CAN
HARDLY
RECOGNIZE
HER!

SILENCE

SHE'S
MUR-
DERING

YES,
MURDERING!

SINCE WHEN
DOES SHE
PROTECT SUCH
A MURDEROUS
AURA!

OH!
WELCOME
BACK,
ALDRY!

YET DOES THE
KING AND QUEEN
OPPOSE THIS?

PRINCESS ALDIS
MAY BE SENT TO
BROTHER PRINCE
HOD OF BRINKWOLD
TO MAINTAIN PEACE

BRINKWOLD AND
DENMARK
HAVE ALLED
AGAINST US
SUCH
TERRIBLE
NEWS!

I SEE, LADY
ALDIS WOULD
BE A HOSTAGE

THE WEEPING OF
PRINCESS ALDIS
FILLS THE CASTLE
AND MANY NOBLES
ARE ALIGNED WITH
THE KING!

THE THREAT OF
WAR IS NOW!



WHAT?
LADY ORSVELD!

GENERAL KROG,
ALLOW ME TO GO
TO ERMWALD!

THE KING'S DAUGHTER,
AN E. A ROYAL PRINCESS OF
LASTORIA.



BRING ME TO
AN AUDIENCE
WITH HIS
MAJESTY,
GENERAL KROGE.

WITH KING-
KROGE HAS SHE
REACHED TO ME
ALL THIS WHILE.



THOUGH I HAVE
NEVER GRAINED HER
COURTESANCE, PEAR
IS SHE TO ME.



LADY
ALENE IS
STILL A
CHILD...
FITY DO
I FEEL
FOR HER!



YES, YOUR
MAJESTY.

TO EDWARD
YOU WISH
TO GO, AND
WILLINGLY?



LET ME GO
IN ALONE
STEADY

OR-
GOLD!



SHOULDST
BLOODY
CONFLICT
JENSE,
MORTAL.
WILL YOU
DANGER BE?

THE MARRAGE
IN A HURRY, A
HOSTAGE OF
LADY ALENE WILL
YOU BE.

I DO NOT FEAR IT,
PRISON COULD
HAVE BEEN MY
TOMB!



AT ODDS
ARE WE,
BLOODY
DEAN IS IN
THE WIND!

BUT MAY I
SARONTH THIS
ROAD, IF I BIND
MYSELF TO JARD!

EDWARD

LADY ALONE IS
YOUNGER
THAN ME BY
TWO YEARS...

THIS
SHOULD BE
MY DUTY.



ORIGELD IS THE
MAIN CHARAC-
TER OF THE
STORY,

THE AUDIENCE
IS LOOKING
AT AYUMI
KIMIKAWA...

NOT
ALONE!



Huhuhu...



YOU WILLFULLY
SACRIFICE
YOURSELF FOR
LISTENING?

YES.

FOR ALBERT?

YES.



Why did no
one notice this?

Huhuhu...



YOUR
MIL-
ESTY...

I HAVE
BUT ONE
REQUEST.

A RE-
CLARITY

YES

AND FOR
MR. YOUR
FATHER?



Origeld is
the main
character of
this story!





YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY,



AND WHAT
IS THIS
REQUEST?

SPEAK



WHAT QUESTION
IS THIS,
ORGIBLY?

I REQUEST
YOU FOR AN
ANSWER!



CON-
TINUE.





IT'S THAT MEMORY THAT WAS CARRIED AWAY FROM TO THIS DAY

TO THIS DAY, THE MEMORY OF YOUR AFFECTION STILL LINGERES IN MY HEART.

PRIOR TO MY EIGHT YEARS IN THE WHITE DUNGEONS, I WAS YOUR DAUGHTER.



SILENCE



YOUR WILL...

SO DO I SUFFER!



YET REMAINING HAD I MISSED.

A SOURCE OF MIRTH WAS I TO THE DUNGEON KEEPERS.

THAT I AM NOT YOUR DAUGHTER IS WHISPERED AMONGST THE NOBLES AND THE COMMON FOLK.



ALL THE EYES ARE ON HER.

ARMY-SAY IS GREAT!



FORGIVE ME...

OH-OLD

WRONG WAS I...

SUCH AFFECTION AND DEVOTION HAVE YOU GIVEN US, WITH NO ANGERITY NEEDED WHAT IS THERE THAT YOUR LOYALTY CAN RECOGNISE...



THAT YOU
ACKNOWLEDGE
ME AS YOUR
OWN!

WAS
MOST
JOYOUS AM
I, YOUR
MAJESTY!



OH-
HELLO



YOU ARE
POORER MY
DAUGHTER...

YOU
ARE MY
DAUGHTER.

HEED NOT
WHAT IS
SAID...



YES! THAT I MAY
PROUDLY DISPLAY
YOUR AFFECTION
FOR ALL TO SEE,
AND BE PROTECTED
THUS!

THAT BY ROYAL
DECREE, I AM
YOUR DAUGHTER!



AM
FATHER!

YET MAY I
SEE FOR
A MOMENT



A MOMENT





GO TO
ERNEST AS
AMBASSADOR
FOR LASTONIA!

AS
YOU
WISH,
YOUR
MAY-
ESTY!

LASTONIA'S
FIRST PRIN-
CESS, ORSHELD,
AS A WIFE!

AND OFFER
PRINCE
ASIO...

MIN-
ISTER,
YOUR!

GO
FORTH
NOW!



THE SWORD
AND THE
NECKLACE OF
THE DRAGON.
THOSE ROYAL
TREASURES...
TO ME!



YOU MAY
NOT SPEAK
OF ORSHELD
ANY!

SPEAK
NOT MY
QUEEN!

YOUR
MAY-
ESTY!



CAN'T YOU
SEE MY TO-
YATE SMILE?

LOVE
OF
DES-
TINY!



WAAAAA...



YOUR
MAY-
ESTY!

YOUR

GO TO THE
NORTHERN VILLA
AND SPEAK TO MY
MOTHER, THE
POWERFUL QUEEN.
THAT A BANGLET
BE HELD THERE IN
HONOUR OF
ORSHELD.





SHE HAS
TAKEN THE
PRINCESS
ALONG DUTY

SHE'LL BE
THE HOST-
TAGE!

HAVE YOU
HEARD?

PRINCESS
CRUELDO
WILL MARRY
PRINCE AGO.

FIRST PRISON,
NOW A
HOSTAGE!

HIS MAJESTY
TREATS HER
WITH SUCH
CRUELTY!



HOW WILL
THE DOWAGER
QUEEN
RESPOND?

TRULY, THE KING
HAS ORDERED A
BLANKET IN HER
HONOR AND TO
GIVE HER A PROPER
FUNERAL WELL.



NO, IT IS
SAID THAT
PRINCESS
CRUELDO RE-
QUESTED THE
CHANCE.

WHAT?



IT'S MY
TURN.

CHEER
UP, IT'S
OUR
TURN
NOW!

I DON'T EVEN
MIND HER TO
ECLIPSE THE
BEST OF US.

OF
COURSE!

PRIN-
CESS
TALENT
IS OUT-
STANDING.

OH, I'M
SO NER-
VOUS!

And also
with the
Pewagee Queen,
Tinkkage-ween!

It's the first
name I share
with Aywee-tae!

The
Pewagee Queen
My
grandmother
in the north-
ern villa...

Although she
has a strong
personality,
she's gentle
to me.

Gripold!
She's
going to
Gripwald in
my place...

My kind-
hearted
sister...



...and also
grandmother
in the northern
villa!

It's my
turn!

I'm about
to meet
Gripold...

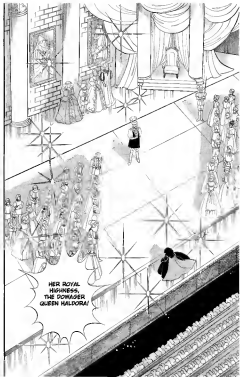
LOOK...

OH!









HER ROYAL
HIGHNESS,
THE DOWAGER
QUEEN HALDORA!







HALLOW,
THE DOWAGER
QUEEN AM I.

WOW...
HARDLY
UNEX-
PECTED...



Trinkage-
good...

Grand-
mother...



SHOCK



I'VE HEARD
THAT SHE
WAS A
WELL-
KNOWN
ACTRESS.

BLAH
BLAH
BLAH

WOW...
HARDLY
UNEX-
PECTED...



ENOUGH TRINKAGE
STANDS TRUE. JUST
WITH HER APPEAR-
ANCE ON THE SCENE
SHE CAPTURED THE
ATTENTION OF THE
AUDIENCE...

WHAT A
PRESENCE...





You're expressing
with all your body
the reaction of the
first encounter
with Driqad!

What expression
are you showing
me, Maya?

Reddened cheeks,
eyes wide-opened,
full of expectations,
lips gently parted,
ready to talk.



LOOK AT HER!
I DON'T KNOW WHY
BUT ORGUELD IS
MORE EXPRESSIVE
THAN ALDI. THAT
IS FACING THE
AUDIENCE



WHAT A
MONUMENTAL
PRESENCE...

AAAH
HMM-
KA-
WA...

AAAH-AAA...
SHE'S STILL
WITH HER BACK
TOWARDS THE
AUDIENCE.
STANDING
STILL...

I WONDER
WHAT EX-
PRESSION SHE HAS...



HOWEVER,
IT IS STILL
POSSIBLE TO
UNDERSTAND
HER FEELINGS.



AAAH,
THE
ALDI!

Since when
could you
express this!!

AAA,
MY
ALDI!

BEAUTY AS
TO ABOVE
THE GODS.
TRULY
IN THIS
GOWN.

LIKE THE
SPRING
MORNING
DOES SHE
SHINE
FORUM!



FOR HE DOES
SACRIFICE
HERSELF TO
LASTING'S
NEIGHBOUR!
FOR ALL!

SUCH
BEAUTY...

MY SISTER...
ORGUELD.

THOUGH IMPRISONED
FOR YEARS, STILL
GRACEFUL. IS SHE.

SUCH COURAGE
AND GRACE!

WOW!
IN HER
PRESENCE!

WARY TEARS
DID I WEEP?

FULL OF FEAR
AND SADNESS
WAS I WHEN
I HEARD OF MY
RETRIBUTION...

AND
WINDFALL
AM I...

LADY ORGHELD
WILL HOLD
THE ROYAL
TREASURES
THE DRAGON
SHROD AND
CHERRY!

OOH!

IN RECOGNITION
OF THIS UNION
DO I BESTOW
THESE TREASURES
UPON LADY
ORGHELD...

TO MARRY PRINCE ASHO
OF BRINKWOLD DOES
ORGHELD, PRINCESS OF
LASTONA, GO FORTH!

DID DRAGE
SHROD GO
ALONG?

...BY THIS
SACRED UNION
SHOULDN'T
THAT BRINNY
BRIDE...

THOUGH WELL
KNOWN IS
THE BRINNY
BETWIXT
LASTONA AND
BRINKWOLD...

THAT NONE
BUT THE KING MAY
POSSESS!

WHAT
SAY YOU,
BRIN-
WOLD'S
AND BRIN-
WOLD?

THE VICTOR
SHALL NOT BE
WAR-LIKE WARS,
BUT GENTLE
SERENE!



IN THIS WAY DO I
AFFIRM PRINCESS
ORINDEL AS OUR
DAUGHTER...

WITH ALL
RIGHTS,
PRIVILEGES
AND PRO-
TECTION.



MORE
HEARDLY I
THINK YOU,
YOUR
MAJESTY.



TRULY



IT'S THE FIRST TIME SHE SHOWS SUCH CONFIDENCE.

BY RECEIVING THOSE TREASURES HER STATUS IS ASSURED AS ROYALTY.

WHAT AN OVERWHELMING SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE SHE EXHIBITS...



THIS ASSURANCE... IT'S TRULY OF YOUR HANDS!

...WHEN SHE SAT WITH HER BACK TO THE AUDIENCE.

SUCH A SUDDEN CHANGE FROM BEFORE...



WITHIN EACH CREATURE IS THE DESIRE FOR SELF-PRESERVATION.

WHY?

TRULY THIS SHOULD BE MUCH MORE FOR YOU THAN ANY OTHER TO DISREGARD THE FORTUNES OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.



P-YES.

ROYAL-
DER GLEICH.



OH-HELLO.

IT'S YOUR HIGH TO BE WED?



YET YOU STROKE YOUR LIFE INTO THE HAZARD, ENTERING THE STRONGHOLD OF OUR SWORN ENEMY.

WHAT IS THE GAMBIT THAT LIES IN YOUR HEART...





CRUWELD TOOK PITY
ON ME AND ASSUMED
MY PLACE!

THE
ASSASSI-
NATION OF
BERNARD
IS ALSO
HERE!

YOUR
FIGHT-
NEED!

DO NOT
SPEAK
NO!

NO!

SUCH IS MY
REPORT BY
BOTH GENERAL
AND PREST!

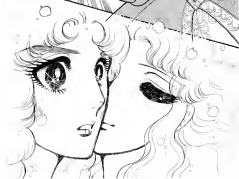


EH?

AL-
DISE!



Alst!





Such a
trusting
expression!

What an
expression!



AL-
DIS...

TO KNOW
YOU WAKES
MY HEART
BURST WITH
PRIDE!

NO WORDS CAN MY
AFFECTION AND
GRATITUDE EXPRESS!



PROUD AM I TO
KNOW HER,
HER MOTHER!

WON-
DERFULL
FEEL

FOR ONE
SUCH AS
I!

THAT SHE
WOULD
SACRIFICE
HERSELF FOR
LORDAM!



They are
watching
her!

The audience
is watching
her!



YES...

...SHOULD
MY LIFE BE
UNTouched...

YET OF THE
MOMENT, I WILL
BE WIFE TO
PRINCE ASO.



THE FRIGHT
DID SUGGEST
I ACCEPT MY
DESTINY.

EVEN NOW,
THAT IS MY
INTENT.



...AS TO
BECOME
QUEEN OF
STEINWALD,
OUR FORTY



OR-
GELD

YOUR
DES-
TINY...



BLACK
CLOUDS
DARKEN MY
HEART?



TO GO
FORTHONE
A FOR AS
STEINWALD
WITH THEIR
ALLIANCE WITH
DEMAASA...

ORSGELD
SHALL
MARRY STEIN-
WALD'S PRINCE
OPPONENT?

...WIFE
AND
ACQUAINTANCE!

THE
SECOND
IN LINE OF
SUCCESSION

THE FIRST
PRINCESS
OF LASTO-
MA



VERY
CINCISE
WORDS

I
HARRY-
ING A
HEAD-
SCOME
FOR...

I MUST THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY.

MOST KIND
ARE YOU
ALDR...

WITH SUCH
LONGING
HAVE I
DESPERED THIS
MEETING...



FLASH

HAD
SHE
DIS-
CERNED
MY
INTENT?

THE
DORADO
QUEEN...
TOO CLEVER
IS SHE!



LIKE
PERSONAGE,
YET IT
IS TRUE!

THANK
YOU ARE
AN HEAD-
SCOME AS
IT WAS
BEEN
HAPPY

I'M
NOT
TRUTH
ALDR...

MY HEART
SMELLED WITH
PRIDE AT BEING
YOUR SISTER.

SISTER,
DO NOT
SPEAK
SO...

BEFORE YOUR
LIGHT I AM
BUT A LOWLY
SHADOW!





ALONG, NOW
MAY I GO FORTH
UNTO ERNWALD,
FEARLESSLY.



OF COURSE,
MY SISTER.

NEVER SHALL I MIND
THE HAPPENSTANCE
BETWIXT ERNWALD AND
LASTONIA, I WILL
TRUST YOU.



AL-
YES...

WHATEVER
BEFALL US,
WOULDN'T YOU
TRUST ME STILLY?



WHAT
WOULD
YOU
ALONG?

PLEASE TO
ME THIS ONE
THING, SISTER.



Grab

THAT YOU
SHALL
NOT DIE!





HOSTAGE IS SHE,
WITHIN OUR
POWER.

YOUR
FUTURE
WIFE IS
THE ROYAL
PRINCESS
OF LAS-
TONIA.

RECALM
YOURSELF,
PRINCE ALDO.



THE COUNTRY
MUST BE IN
THE THROES
OF CHAOS.

WHAT A
HUMILIATION
TO VISIT UPON
LASTONIA...

I'M BUT FOR A
LITTLE WHILE, AFORE
LASTONIA SUBJUGATE
TO OUR RIGHT.

LASTONIA WOULD
BE BUT A CANDLE
BEFORE THE WINDS
OF OUR ALLIANCE
WITH DENMARK.

...TO RUE
FOR PEACE
WITH THE
FIRST
PRINCESS...

BUT AS
SHE LIVES,
YOU MUST
ATTEND HER.

FUTURE

HOW
UN-
FORTU-
NATE!

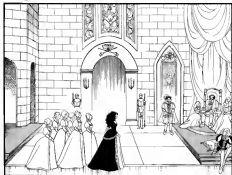
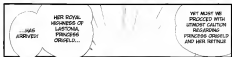
IF THEIR
STRENGTH MAY
MATCH OURS
AND CONFLICT
BECOME
POINTLESS.

YET BE
CAUTIONS,
YOUR
MAJES-
TY.

IT'S A
REPRISE
THAT
LASTONIA HAS
BARTERED
FOR.

WERE ALSO
TO BE MY WIFE,
SUCH FABLED
REALITY WOULD
EASE MY
SACRIFICE!

THIS IS WHAT I CAN
DISCERN FROM HIS SENDING
OF HIS FIRST DAUGHTER,
ORCHARD, AND NOT HIS
BELOVED ALONE.





I AM ORISFELD,
FIRST PRINCESS
OF LASTORIA.

HOW
PLEAS-
ANTLY
DO I
GREET
YOU.

THESE ARE MY
LADIES-IN-WAITING
WHO SIT IN
ATTENDANCE.



LOVE
ME
TOO?

I'M REALLY
TENSE.

WHAT WILL
ORISFELD DO IN
SERNWALD?

...which, in spite of
everything, shines
with intelligence and
emotion, is attracting
the audience...

Ayumi-san...
You're wonderful.

You're a
wonderful
Orisfeld.

Orisfeld,
shrouded
in the
dark...



AND HIS
SISTER, THE
PRINCESS
ELISBETH.

PRINCE
ASAD.

BEHOLD
QUEEN
INCHBURG.

LORDS AND LADIES,
WELL MET.



AS KING OF
SIRYNWOLD,
I ODO,

DO BID
THEE
WELCOME.



LADY
GRIBELD!



THAT MY
ATTENDANTS
AWAIT ME
IN THE
ANTECHAMBER.

AND MY NURSE
BE MY SOLE
CHAPERONE.



MAY
THANKS,
OCHEN-
STEDRA.

THEN MAY
I BE SO
BOLD AS
TO BID
ADVICE OF
YOUR COURTESY.

WHAT
BE IT?



AND I AM
PRINCE
AMSTER
OCHENSTEDRA.

'TIS AN HONOUR
TO SERVE YOU.

WHATEVER
YOU MAY
DESIRE, YOU
HAVE BUT TO
ASK OF ME.



LADY
OR-
WELD!

AND SO CLOSE,
WOULDN'T SHE
UNDERTAKE TO
PERSON YOUR
MAJESTY OR
YOUR SON.

LIKE A KNIFE IN THE
DARK, MUST ONE BE
A TRAITOROUS RAY,
OR TO GLENN THE
SITUATION OF
THIS FARE.

THEY
ARE OF
LASTONIA

LET THIS NOT
PASS TO
CHANCE.

AH!

OH!

WOULDN'T A
ROYAL PRINCESS
OF LASTONIA HAVE
AUGHT FOR OUR
CAUSE AND
KINGDOM?

UNVEL TO US
THEY HIND AS
TO YOUR OWN
DISPOSITION?

THAT
BORNWALD'S
HOSTAGE
AM I.

OOOAH!



It is the quality
of a leading lady!

The timing,
the expres-
sion..

Such is the
acting of
Ayumi
Hasegawa

I HAVE HEARD
THAT YOUR
MAJESTY IS
CLEVER.

HOW
SO?

THAT MY ROLE TO DELAY
YOUR AMBITIONS AND
ALLOW LASTONIA SOME
SPACE YOUR MAJESTY
MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN.

AYUMI, SHALL I
BECOME NOTHING
WHEN LASTONIA
HERSELF BECAME
THE ADDRESSOR

YOUR
MAJES-
TY!

ENDING
THE
LONG
TRIP
FROM
LASTONIA

AS I ROSE,
I LOOKED UP
TO THE CEREAL
HEAVENS AND
WONDER...

...THAT
I SHALL
NOT DIE IN
SPRINHALD.



THIS SHALL
BE THE BLOODING
OF MY BODY BE
YOUR DECLARA-
TION OF WAR.

IF YOU WISH
TO THREATEN
LASTONIA,
MY LIFE IS
FORFEIT.

LASTONIA'S
HEART IS
CURRENTLY IN
CHAOS, SUCH
AN ACT WOULD
SPUR THOSE
FLAMES.



NO.

DONT THEN
THINKST
YOUR
WILDER
AT HAND?



AND A FRESH
FORCE FROM
THE EAST.

YET TO ACT
WITH DENMARK
IN SUPPORT

COUNTENANCE
IT NOT WOULD
YOUR SUBRENO
AND WISELKE
COUNSEL.

THUS SUCH AN
AGREEMENT
WOULDET ALLOW
A DISPERSION
OF FORCES.



AND SECOND TO
THE LASTONIAN
THRONE I
STAND.



AND OF THE NOW,
YOUR MAJESTY DO
RECALL MY STATION
AS FIRST PRINCESS
OF LASTONAL.

TREASURES
OF THE ROYAL
FAMILY.

THAT IN MY
POSSESSION
BE THE
TRAGE SHERED
OF NIDE.



YET TWOULD
ALSO YOUR
TIME EXTEND.

WOULD
IT
NOT?







ding
dong

ding
dong

ding
dong



YET YOU
THE LEADER
OF THE RED
ELY LEAGUE
ESCAPED

THE RED
ELY LEAGUE
DID SHE
BETRAY...?

ORIGELD
...
THAT ELY
FOOT?

THE SAID THAT
BUT PRINCESS
ORIGELD CARES
FOR THE PEOPLE
AND KINGDOM OF
LASTORIA

THE BUT
SIX MONTHS
GONE SINCE
THE MARRIAGE
OF PRINCESS
ORIGELD IN
EDWALD.

ORIGELD
AND EDWALD
IS SAFE?

WE MUST
OBEY
THAT FOR
MOST
CAREFULLY

NOW
SHALL WE
WREAK
OUR
REVENGE?

THIS TIME
OVER THE
THEY KINGDOM
OF HARLAND
AND HER
COVERED

AND AS THE TURRET
OF EDWALD IS
LIFTED, SO
LASTORIA
CONTINUES TO
PREPARE FOR
WAR.

THE CROWN
AND LANDS
OF HARLAND
SHALL BE
OURS!

IN LASTORIA,
ALL MEN FROM
THE HIGHEST
NOBLE TO THE
LOWEST
KNOW,
IS OF THE
PRINCESS

WHO OF HER
OWN ACCORD
SACRIFICED
HERSELF IN
WEDLOCK TO
EDWALD.



NOT
SUCH A
COMFORTABLE
ACT!

IF WE BUT
MAKE CLAIM
IN DISPUTE OF
HARLAND'S
MIND, WAR
MAY BE
AVERTED...

THE
MIGHT OF
HARLAND IS
FORMIDABLE
!!

LET US
NOT BE
RASH.



YAAAA!

YOUR
ASSURANCE
OF HARLAND
IS TOO
GENEROUS.

AND THE
DAME HAS EYES
FOR HARLAND
AS WELL!

FOR SUCH
LENIENCY
SHALL WE
BE ACCUSED!

WITH
BASE SHALL
WE TAKE
HERE!



WE
MUST
STRIKE
FIRST!



DARE YOU
SUGGEST
THE MIGHT OF
LASTONIA
CANNOT BREAK
HARLAND?!

YET
IT IS
BUT
LITTLE!

DOES YOUR
HIGHNESS NOT
TAKE ACCOUNT OF
HARLAND'S RECENT
REINFORCEMENTS?

IT'S NOT
THE VICTORY
THAT I
QUESTION
...
BUT THE
BASE OF THE
TAKING.



MURDER OF
THE IRLE WAS
ENLISTED INTO
THE ARMY...

YET WHILE
STILL IN
THEIR PAY



OUR
HARVEST
HAS BEEN
LEARN...

AND OUR
TRADE IS
GLITCHY

IT IS AN
ASSURED
VICTORY!

WITH
THE TAKING
OF HARLAND
SHALL THE
PICKE FOLK
FORGET THEIR
MORSE...



AND
PATIENCE
BUT FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE

SHOULD
WE NOT
PUT OUR
OWN HOUSE
TO ORDER
FIRST, YOUR
HIGHNESS?



AND
THOSE
COFFERS
SHALL
FUND THIS
CONFLICT

ALREADY,
OUR GENSING
SLIPPER UNDER
CRUSHING
TAKEN



MARCHING...

A WAR
WITH
HARLAND

FATHER

THIS
SHALL
YOU ALL
SURELY
DEBENT

THIS OF NO
IMPORT ALIST
IT SHALL SOON
BE OVER.

SWOOSH
SWOOSH

AND
SET...

WAST
PEOPLE
FOUNT
ONE
ANOTHER
?"

WELL
THEY
RIDE
THEIR
GOOD
ONLY
TO
STOMP
DOWN
THEIR
NEIGHBORS
?"

A PRINCESS
OF LUSTONAL
AGE 11

DO
THESE
GUYS
I
BUY
DOT?

WELL
STRENGTH
CAN
I
BEAT?

SWOOSH

SILENCE...



A YEAR
—



THE
COUNTRY
IS IN
CHAOS
—

AS WITH
ALL WAR,
THE PEOPLE
BEAR THE
YOKER OF
SUFFERING...



THE KING,
WOUNDED
IN BATTLE
NOW
DECLINES
—

A YEAR
HAS
FLOWN
—

...AND
TORNADOED
BY SUFFERING
AND
RESTLESS...

AND
STILL DOES
BLOODY WAR
CONTINUE...



THE
WOUNDED
CONTINUE TO
FOUR IN...

AND YET
THE WAR
STILL
RAGES...

...AND
UNDER THE
BURDEN OF SUCH
HEAVY TAXATION,
THE PEOPLE GROW
DISSENTING WITH
THE ROYAL FAMILY...

MY FATHER
IS STILL
BEDRIDDEN...



WOULD IT
BUT LAST
ONE OR TWO
YEARS
MORE...

LASTONIA
WILL BRING
ABOUT ITS
OWN
DEATH...

A
YEAR
—

LASTONIA'S
CONFLICT WITH
HIGHLAND
CONTINUES
ON...



Swoosh

Maya-
chan...

I HAVE A FEELING
THAT A FIGHT
BETWEEN THE
ANGELIC ALDO AND
THE PARADOXICAL
OROSOLD SHALL
BEGIN!

HEY,
IT'S GETTING
INTERESTING.

MAYA KITAZUMA
AND AYUMI
HINAKAWA ARE
FOR THE MOMENT
EQUALS

Miles and
Maya's
fight...

Yes, I
Think it...

The fight
between
Orosold and
Aldo...

...and that
now lives at
the castle in a
whispered of plot,
supported by
her ambition
and rage!

...
who went to
marry into
the enemy
country of
Orinwald as
a hostage

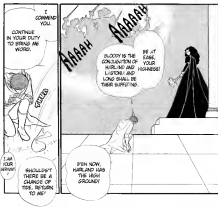
I am
now
Orinwald

First
Princess of
Lustrelle.

Orinwald
lives in real!

Orinwald
lives in real!

Orinwald is
a spirit
and she is
no...





WE
CONTINUE TO
SEND ALL OUR
EFFORTS IN
HIS SEARCH

HAS THE
LEADER OF THE
RED LILY BEEN
APPREHENDED?

YOUR TACTIC
HE MUST BE
CAPTURED ALIVE!
IS THAT CLEAR?

AS
YOU
COMMAND



VERILY
THAT IS
ALL

THE TRIAL OF
LASTONIA DOES NOT
END WITH PUNISHING
TAXATION

THE COUNTRY IS
FULL OF WOUNDED,
WITH LITTLE MEANS,
FAMISHED AND
DISEASED

MILORD



MILORD

THEN GO,
AND
STEAL-THIEF



WANTED
ORDER

HAVE YOUR
PLANS BEEN
ALREADY
MADE?

YOUR
HIGHNESS,
PRINCESS
ORIS BLD OF
STONWILD



YOUR PERSON,
THAT WAS NOT MY INTENT.
GREATLY HONOURED
AM I TO BE IN
YOUR HIGHNESS'S
CONFERENCE.



DID MY
APPEARANCE
ANGER
YOU?



LET YOUR
WISHES BE
FULFILLED BY
MY HAND.

SHOULDN'T MY
DIFFICULTY ARISE,
YOU HAVE BUT TO
ASK; MY HELP IS
YOURS.

YOU
HAVE MY
TRUST.

THOU ART
MY SOLE
ALLY IN
ERMWOLD.



MINISTER
GREER

MY AMBITIONS
AND INTENT
SUSPECTS

YET IN ERMWOLD,
AN ALLY OF SOME
INFLUENCE MAY
SUPPORT ME.



IT
MAKES ME
SHIVER

Y...
YES...

DID YOU
SEE THE
LOOK ON
ATLANTA'S
FACE?



SHE CAN
PLAY THE
PART

...AND
SHE CAN
PLAY IT
WELL!

AT FIRST
IT SEEMED
THERE WAS A
MISTAKE IN THE
ASSIGNMENT
OF ROLDS,
BUT...

...IT IS
REALLY
DRAVING





of an angelic
heart and of
contrasting beauty,
like the spring
goddess.

And I am
Aldis.

Again-
and...

Look
down
there is
Origid.

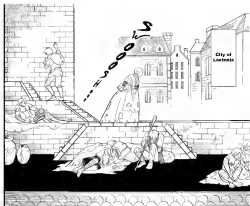
... now it's
my Aldis' turn
to take the
stage!

The first
time Aldis
steps into
the city!

Accompanied
by Yalim, Aldis
goes out into the
city isangelis...

It is the
scene in which
she realizes for
the first time the
conditions in which
the people live.

The
first
time
in the
city!









LONG HOURS
HAS HE TOILED
UNTIL SICKNESS
TO PAY THE
TAX...

PLEASE!
HE'S SICK!

QUIET, YOU!
LET US
AWAY!

IF YOUR
TAX CANNOT
BE PAID IN GOLD,
IT SHALL BE
RELEVIED
WITH HIM!

COME ON!
TO THE CLAP
WITH YOU!

HE MAY BE
RETURNED UPON
YOUR PAYMENT
OF THE TAX!
UNTIL THEN, THE
GUILT FOR HIM!

WHAT'S
THIS?

HAH...

RELEASE
THAT MAN!















YOUR
WIFE?



ALDIN!

I
WISH TO
RETURN
HOME!

ENOUGH!
IT IS
ENOUGH!

YULESS!
AHN
YULESS!





BYAL THE
HEAD OF
THE RED
LILY,

BE AT PEACE.
I WILL HELP
YOU.

AND THE ROYAL
FAMILY, THIEVES,
PEASANTS AND
NOBLES, DID FLOCK TO
YOUR BANNER.

A VAST FORCE
DID YOU
GATHER,
REBELS TO THE
GOVERNMENT
OF
LASTONIA...



TO THIS
ENGINEER THE
DOWNFALL OF
LASTONIA AND HER
GOVERNMENT,
YOUR AID DO I
REQUIRE.

MONEY
YOU
WILL
HAVE!

I
ALST
HAVE
YOUR
AID.

EVEN WITHIN
ITS HEART,
GROWS THE
SEEDS OF
REBELLION.



TO A
MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL
OUTCOME.

LEND ME
YOUR AID.

WHAT
POWER DO
YOU WISH
TO DRAW
UPON?

... AND
REVIVE THE
RED LILY
LEAGUE AS
BEFORE.

IT IS MY
DESIRE TO
SEE YOUR
COMRADES, SO
DISPERSED,
GATHERED...



...BRINGING
CHAOS AND
RUIN TO AN
INNOCENT
GREEN...

MANY
YEARS
PAST WERE
I EXILED
FROM
LASTONIA



NO
MORE
TIL YOU
GIVE
YOUR
NAME!

YET
WHO
ARE
YOU?!



ANSWER
ME,
DYM!

WILL YOU
PLEDGE TO
OUR
COMMON
PURPOSE?



YOU HAVE
MY WORD.

NOW, STRIKE
OFF MY
SHACKLES.



COUNT
AUGUST??!

I HAD HEARD
YOU HAD
VANISHED!
YOU'RE
ALIVE...??

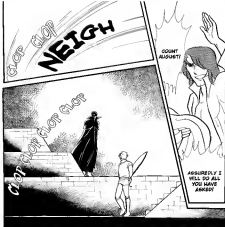
THE
ORIGINAL
RED LILY
LEADER??!



BEYOND A SPEED
WELL PROVISIONED
WITH CURRENCY AND
A TRUSTWORTHY
COMPANION AVAILS.

OH!





YOUR HIGHNESS!

AND YET, MINISTER,
THUS YOUR
WISDOM THAT
BROUGHT
SUCCESS!

SUCH A
MASTERFUL
PLAY, YOUR
HIGHNESS.

AND SHALL
YOU BE PRIME
MINISTER OF
BOTH
KINGDOMS!

WITH YOUR
SUPPORT, MINISTER

SOON SHALL
YOU BE THE
GREAT QUEEN
OF LASTONIA
AND SONNHALD.

YOUR
HIGHNESS
...

Ha
Ha
Ha

BY
YOUR WORD.

MY
ASSISTANCE IS
UNAVAILABLE!

YES,
ORIGELD...

... YOU
CANNOT
TRUST IN
ANYONE...

NOR
CANST
YOU
LOVE...

...EVEN
TO THE
END...!

MINISTER
GREER.

...IS TOO
CUNNING!

HE CANNOT
BE
TRUSTED.

I CANNOT
TRUST!



ALONE...



YET I
AM
ASSURED.

IN THIS WORLD
THERE IS NO
ONE WORTHY...

A REPLACED
TRUST IS A
THRUST ...



WHY DOES MY
MIND, IN
HALELUN
TURNER TURN
TO HER...

MY SISTER HAS
PLEADED HER
TRUST TO ME...

ALONE...



SILENCE



YET NOW YOUR EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED TO THE TRUTH OF OUR KINGDOM'S SITUATION.



YOUR
FOURNESS,
FOU.



WITH
SUCH AS
THREE
DO I
WAGE
WAR

IF I COULD
BUT RESTORE
MY LASTONE
AND SETTLE
ALL CONFLICT...



THE LOVE
AND
TRUST...

...AND MY
SMILE!



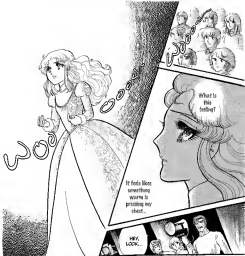
DOST THOU
NOT KNOW
MY JOURNAL,
YUJEST?



AT THE
IMPERIAL
NORTHERN
VILLAGE

MAKE
PREPARATIONS!

I SHALL SEEK
AUDIENCE
WITH MY
GRAND-
MOTHER!





OUR FORTION HAS
BROWN BEAK BY
HEAVY TAXATION
IMPOSED BY THE BUSH
CRIMINALS PUT THEIR
TACKLE UPON IN THE
SUN, AND THE CITY IS
LEFTLESS WITH THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT ANY
RELAYS.

YOU REQUEST THAT I
GIVE OVER THIS VILLA
AS A HOSTEL FOR THE
BUSH-WORN SOLDIERS,
ALIST?

YES,
CRIMINAL!

EVEN IN THE
NEAREST
HOSTELS, THE
WOUNDED...

CANNOT SAVOR
THEIR SERVICES
IN THEIR
IMPOVERISHED
STATE

YOUR
HONOR

The
Northern
Villa

IT WILL
BRING THE
DOWNFALL
OF LASTONIA,
I FEAR...

SHOULD THE
WAR WITH
HARLAND
CONTINUE
UNABATED...

...I HAD
NOT
KNOWN...

...WAS MY
LASTONIA
HAD
BECOME...?



ALONG

...BLIND
WANT I
BE COME...

AND, I CAN
BUT EASE THE
TROUBLED
SPIRITS OF THE
PEOPLE.

...INNOCENT WAS
THE PREVIOUS
QUEEN,
KATALINA... YET
DID I SUFFER
ABUSE BY
SOME ENMITY...

DURING THE
TRIAL OF
ORIGINAL'S
MOTHER, MY
LINGS WERE
CORRUPTED...

I CANNOT GET IDLE
BY WHILE THEY
SUFFER, AS A
MEMBER OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY...

SINCE THAT DAY,
I HAVE RETIRED
TO THIS VILLA,
BEARING
NOTHING BUT
DISGUST FOR THE
ROYAL FAMILY...

IT WAS A
STRUGGLE
FOR
POWER

IT WAS THEIR
WISH TO
OBTAIN MY
SUPPORT OF
THE QUEEN...

EMPLOYED,
RETURNED BY
THE ENEMIES
OF QUEEN
KATALINA...



YOU ARE A
ROYAL
PRINCESS...

YOUR WORDS
HAVE SPARKED
SOMETHING
WITHIN ME...



YOUR
HIGH-
NESS

LIKE A WELL
ATTENDED HERMIT
HAVE I LIVED,
LEAVING ROYALTY,
POLITICS AND
INTRIGUE...

THUS MY
THOUGHT TO
END MY DAYS
UNCONCERNED
HERE IN THIS
VILLA.



THE LIGHT OF
PERSEPHONE
THAT BRINGS
HOPE
... COURAGE AND
PERSEVERANCE
TO LIVE ...



THIS WAR
CANNOT BE
OVERTURNED
WITH EASE.



SO TOO
MAY YOU
BE THE
PRINCESS
OF LIGHT.



AND YET,
ALONE...



... AS THE LIGHT
OF SPRING
SHEDS LIFE
FROM THE DARK
OF WINTER...



THE
PRINCESS
OF LIGHT...



THE
LIGHT



THE
PRINCESS
OF
LIGHT...



OF THE
LIGHT...



THIS VILLA
SHALL BE
YOURS.

I SHALL
RETIRE TO
THE
CASTLE.



CAN IT
BE...

...A REFUGE
FOR THE
WOUNDED...
AND FOR THE
PEOPLE... IT

THAT THIS
PALACE OF SUCH
REPUTATION IS
HERE... THE
NORTHERN
VILLA...



STAND-
ALONE!





YET PRINCESS
ALLEGRA CO
REFUSE
RECOMPENSE?

THE COFFERS
OF THE STATE
TREASURY HAVE
BEEN EMPTIED
BY LASTONARD
MILITARY
AMBITIONS.



TO TREAT OUR
WOUNDED IN
THE VORTEX AT
THE NORTHERN
VILLA.

YET, FATHER,
BUT A
FRACTION OF
THE STATE
INCOME IS
SUFFICIENT.



...AS
ALLEGRA, THE
KING, MAKES A
LIBERALITY FOR
THE WOUNDED
SOLDIERS.

... AND BOLSTERED
AT THE DESIRE OF
THE COURAGE
QUEEN HILDA.

TO BRING
PLEASURE
TO HIS
CHILD,
ALLEGRA...





HURRIEDLY
SOLSTERS
THE
DOMTOWN...

...THOUGH
WITH SOME
RELUCTANCE...

THE NOBLES, UPON
DISCOVERING THIS
AND FEARED TO
ACT...

FALLING INTO
DISFAVOUR
WITH THE
KING...



Oh, that
reach...

OUR
FAMILY
HAS
DOUBTED
GOOD
FURNISH...

LIKE HEARD
ON THE KING
THE NEWS
SPREADS...

CAN IT
BE
TRUTH?



AS ARE THE
TOWNSPEOPLE
WITH POOR
HEALTH!

I HEARD THAT
THE SOLDIERS
DISCARDED FOR
WOUNDS ARE
BEING TENDED IN
THE NORTHERN
VILLA...

EVEN THE
NOBLES AND THE
KING HAVE
OPENED THEIR
COFFERS TO THIS
CAUSE!



...A HOSPICE FOR
THE COMMANDERS
THE VILLA MAKE.

I HEARD
PRINCESS
ALSO
IMPOSED
UPON THE
KING AND THE
CONQUER
QUEEN...





YET FOR
ALONG, WE
CAN TRUST
HER.

CAN IT BE TRUE THAT
THE ROYAL FAMILY
SHOULD DO SUCH A
THING FOR LOWLY
FOOL?

COULD THERE
BE SOMETHING
AWRY?

THEY WILL YET
FEEL THE FURY OF
THE PEOPLE'S
WRATH!

DO THEY
TAKE
ME FOR
A FOOL?

IF THE
PURPOSE IS TO
SCOTCH AN
OYN, LEADER
OF THE RED
LILY, SOLEMNLY
MISTAKEN ARE
THEY!

EVEN NOW, ON
EVERY TONGUE IS
THE VETERAN'S
HOSPITAL, OPENED BY
THE ROYAL FAMILY
AT THE NORTHERN
VILLA.

THEY SAY THE
ROYAL FAMILY
TRULY CARES
FOR EVEN THE
MEDEST
CREAT...

G
O
M
P



THE KINGDOM
THROWS THEIR
HEARTS BACK TO
THE ROYAL FAMILY
OF LASTONARY!

WHATTY



A
VETERAN'S
HOMAGE IN
THE
NORTHERN
VELLA...

In
Grim-
world!

EVEN THE
KING AND
THE NOBLES
HAVE
PLEGGED TO
HER CAUSE

THAT'S NOT
WITHIN MY
ROLE...

TO
COURTE-
NANCE
THAT ALONE
MAY DO
SUCH A
THING...

AND
YET!

THIS TOO
CAN BE TO
MY
ADVANTAGE





WHAT WIT AND
INTELLIGENCE
EMPLOYED TO WIN
ERENWALD'S KING...

... YET DESPITE HER
SITUATION, DOES
SHE REMEMBER HER
BIRTHPLACE...

HOW PRINCESS
ORIGELD MUST
SUFFER IN
ERENWALD...

ORIGELD, MY
DEAR
SISTER...

OF ALL THE
ROYALTY
DOES SHE
COMMAND THE MOST
FERVENT
SUPPORT

HAVE
YOU
HEARD?

THE DAUGHTER OF
THE PREVIOUS
QUEEN, ORIGELD,
HAS SENT
DOCTORS!

OF
COURSE

HAVE
YOU
HEARD?
Y

WHAT DEEP
AFFECTION
MUST LADY
ORIGELD
HAVE FOR
LASTONIA

WHAT A
KIND
GENTLE
ON HER
PART

LADY
ORIGELD IS A
TRUE
PRINCESS
OF
LASTONIA

...
SUCH
GENTILITY!

AND IN HER
SITUATION...

HOW DO YOU
FARE IN
ERENWALD?

...FOR YOUR
OBEDIENT
REGARD...

...ON BEHALF OF
THE KING, NOBLE,
AND THE WHOLE
KINGDOM...

ACCEPT MY
HEARTFELT
THANKS...

...WHAT GREAT
AFFECTION AND
GENEROSITY
RESIDES IN YOU!

MY BELOVED
SISTER...

TALKING PERPETUALLY
EACH DAY, THE
THIRTEEN DOCTORS
SENT BY YOU TO
THE WOUNDED AND
SUFFERING.

ELSE, LASTORIA
CANNOT HOPE
OF PEACE AND
HAPPINESS.

AH... I NOW I
WISHED THIS
WAR WOULD
END...

I
DESPISE
YOU.

OF HATE
BORN
SUFFERING.

I ABHOR THE
SHEDDING OF
BLOOD.

IT IS LOVE THAT
STRENGTHENS

DID NOT GOD
SAY "LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR?"

WOUNDING AND
KILLING
EACH OTHER.

IT IS WITH GREAT
PRIDE THAT I CALL
YOU SISTER...

FOR OUR
KINSHIP IS
OF GREAT
COMFORT

THE THOUGHT
OF YOUR
AFFECTION...

REMEMBER
THAT I
FERTHEM
YOU...

DEAR SISTER,
WHENEVER
YOU THINK
OF DISTANT
LASTONIA...

AND I WISH
TO WIN SUCH
PRIDE IN
RETURN FROM
YOU

BY YOUR EXAMPLE
I AM BECOMING A
TRUE PRINCESS OF
LASTONIA

AND LOVE
YOU MORE
THAN ANY
OTHER

MY PRACTICE
WITH THE
GENTLER SEX
CAUSED HIM SOME
DISCOMFORT, SO
WAS HE RETIRED
FROM THE ART.

OUR BROTHER
EDWARD
DID LEARN
SOME
DANCING...

OUR FATHER'S
CONDITION
IMPROVES BY
THE DAY.

NOW A
LITTLE
BETTER

YOURS
FAITHFULLY,
SISTER
ALYS

TO MY
BELOVED
SISTER
ORSHILD

WITH
LOVE AND
TRUST

YOU ARE A
CONSTANT
PRESENCE IN
MY
THOUGHTS

IT IS MY
PREFERENCE
TO SPEND HIS
TIME ONLY WITH
A TOY BOW

BE WELL,
DEAR
SISTER...



BELOVED
WINTER
ALPHA...

YOUR WORDS
GIVE ME
COURAGE.

JOYOUS AM I TO
HEAR THAT THE
DOCTORS ARE
OF USE.



DO NOT LET YOUR
INNOCENCE SUFFER
REGARDING THE WAR
BETWEEN LUTONA
AND HURLAND.

LUTONA IS
A GREAT
NATION.

BE PATIENT AND
AWAIT THE
VICTORY, WHICH
WILL SOON
COME.



MUCH RESPECT AM I
ACCORDED BY HIS
MAJESTY THE KING,
BY HARRARD PRINCE
ASD, THE ARMBERS
AND THE NOBLES.

WORRY
NOT
YOURSELF
FOR MY
SAFE.



HERE IN
BRUNWALD,
AM I HELD IN
HIGH ESTEEM.



DO NOT LET
YOUR ANGER
GAIN BE
HOLDEN, MY
DEAR SISTER
ALDIS.

... YET THE HISTORY
IS FILLED WITH
SUCH SORROW,
MAYBE IT IS A TRIAL
OF THE DYME

YOUR AND THE
SUFFERING OF
BLOOD ARE
TERRIBLE
THINGS
ADDLED...

... WILL BE OF A
CERTAIN, A VICTORY
FOR LASTORIA

THE
WAR...

FROM
CRUELTY, AND
THE DEPTHS
OF MY HEART.

BE WELL,
MY
DELIGHTFUL
SISTER

THOUGH WE
HAVE ONLY HAD
THE ONE
ENCOUNTER,
BLESSED SISTER,
LOVER OF...

FLOWERS,
SONGS AND
DANCE...

TO MY
DELIGHTFUL
SISTER
ALDIS

... A MISTY
FONDNESS IN MY
REMEMBRANCE



...ALWAYS
CRUELLY
REALLY
STANDS
OUT...

HOW

SHE
SHINES...



SHE'S SO
IMPRESSIONAL, YOU
CAN'T TAKE YOUR
EYES OFF HER...



HATED
HAD
SUGGESTED
ME?

AND
STRONGER
AM I FOR
IT?

ABOVE
ALL ON
THIS
EARTH



ALSO,
THOU ART
MISTAKEN!!

THE
HATED
THAT IS
THE SOLE
REASON!



WASTED
POWER.

CONCERNED
OF THE
DOCTORS.
ARE YOU?



YOU SENT
AID TO
THEIR, YOUR
MOTHER??

AND WHAT
OF OUR
MASTIFF,
DYN, AND
OF THE
RED LAY?

FEELLESS IS
YOUR SHARP
WIT AND
TONGUE,
MINISTER
OF DEED.

SUCH BLOODY
CONFLICT WILL
NOT END FOR A
HANDFUL OF
CHERUBIM!

THO' BUT A
BREATH IN
THE WIND!

HIS PROGRESS
IS REPORTEDLY
WELL AT HAND.

SUCH
PRAISE, YOUR
HIGHNESS.

SUCH AN
ADMIRABLE
GESTURE,
YOUR
HIGHNESS...

OF A
SORT.

AH, THEN TO
RAISE YOUR
STOCK DID YOU
TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE
SITUATION

THEY STRIP THE
AGILITY OF WEALTH
AND DISTRIBUTE THEIR
GAINS AMONGST THE
SERFS.

WITH AGGRESSION AND
RAGE HAS HE GATHERED
A FORCE, VISITING WITH
SHARP STEEL ONE FINE
AFTER ANOTHER.

...NOT NOTABLY,
DISGUSTED
NOBLES AND HIGH
MERCHANTS HAVE
BEGUN TO ENJOIN
THEIR CAUSE.

NOT A ONE
HAS BEEN
TAKEN...

ALTHOUGH THE
MEN-AT-ARMS ARE
CLOSE SET, STILL
THE POPULACE
GRANTS THEM
SANCTUARY.



OWN DRUMS AND
HURLING THE BARRAGE
OF THE MOB
AGAINST THE ROYAL
FAMILY.

DO NOT LET
THE ROYAL
FAMILY TAKE
YOU FOR
FOOLISH!

LET YOUR
EYES BE
OPENED,
CITIZENS OF
LASHOUAI!

ONLY
SUFFER—
ING...

...CAN'T
YOU DENY
IT?

HOWEVER HE
THAT HAD THE
KING TRULY
BROUGHT HIS
DIGNITY?

THE VETERAN
HONOR IS OF BUT
A MOMENT, A
TENDER BAIT TO
LURE YOU INTO
THEIR VICE!

FOR VANITY HE WENT
TO WAR, FOR VANITY,
HE SQUANDERED THE
STATE'S TREASURY,
BROUGHT US PAIN.
FOR WHAT? VANITY!

WE
SHALL
ENDURE
IT NO
LONGER!





THE PEOPLE'S
HEARTS HAVE
BEEN STOLEN
AWAY FROM US!



AND YOU
SAY THE
RED LILY
HAS
RETURNED?

NOT EVEN A
SHADE MAN
HAS BEEN
CAUGHT,
THROUGH THE
SUPPORT OF
THE PEOPLE!



WHEN OUR
OWN HOUSE
BE IN
SHAMELESS!

SUCH POOR
TIMING FOR
A WAR.



EVEN THREE
DAYS PAST MY
OWN ESTATE
WAS VICTIM.

...SUN-
SACKING
OUR
HORSES.

BACK DAY
BRINGS NEWS
OF ANOTHER
RAID UPON OUR
ESTATES...

IT
MUST
BE!



AND YET THE WAR
CONTINUES ON AND
ON... CANNOT WE END
OUR BLOODY DISPUTES
WITH HURLAND?

SUCH
ABSURDITY IS
OUR
PRECARIOUS
CONDITION! A
TRUCE SHOULD
WE ARRANGE!

YET SUCH AN
ACT WOULD
WAVE OUR
WEAPONS
BEFORE OUR
PEERS LIKE A
BANNER,
MAKING US
PREY TO THEIR
PREDATION.

THIS WAR
MUST BE
WON AT ALL
COST.



AND THEY MUST
BE JOINED BY
SOME FOREIGN
AGENCY.



AS THE WAR
RAGES,
BARBOLDS
ARE THEY.

NOT ONLY IN
THERE THE RED
LILY LEAGUE,
BUT MANY
OPPOSE US..



ROAR

WHAT SAY
YOU?!

A MOB
OF
SERFS
...

...AFORE THE
PALACE GATES HAVE
ISSUED DEMANDS
FOR AN AUDIENCE,
RECORD!

EHT?

ORDER THE
GUARD TO
THROW THEM
INTO THE
DUNGEON!

ARE THEY
REBELS
...?

ATTACK DOES
NOT SEEM
THEIR
INTENT.

NO!



IT WOULD BE
A DIFFICULT
ARREST FOR
THE PALACE
GUARD.

TOOLS OF
THEIR TRADES,
AXES AND
SCYTHES...

...
WITH THE
RED LILY AS
ESCORT.

YET ARE
THEY
ARMED.

OUT
WITH THE
KING!

OUT
WITH THE
KING!
GRANT US
AUDIENCE!

ARMED?!

IF WE
RELENT, WHAT
FURTHER
ADVANCE
SHALL THEY
HAVE?
THEY REACH
BEYOND THEIR
STATION!

YET
WHAT
SHALL
BE OUR
COURSE?

ANY
MOTHER!

ANSWERING WITH
STEEL WOULDNOT
OF A SURETY
VALIDATE
THEIR CAUSE!

SUCH
MOTHERS!

OUTRA-
GEOUS!

LET OUR
STEEL
SCATTER
THEIR
VANTY!



What a
heart in my
chest..!

Nay...

Aah,
what a
heart..!



PRINCESS
ALDIS,
AM I...



ALDIS!

YOUR
HIGHNESS!

I SHALL
BE HERALD
...

I...



A SWORD
CAN ONLY BE
CHECKED BY
STRENGTH OF
HEART...!

SHOULD
THERE BE
CONFLICT,
BLOOD
WILL BE
SHED.

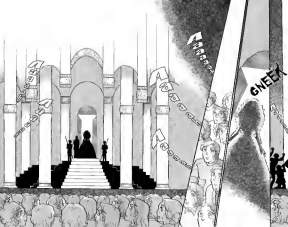
SEE,
YOUR
HIGHNESS!

YET A
CALAMITY WILL
BEFALL US IF
THEIR OATH IS
NOT UPHOLDEN
AND THEIR FAITH
RESTORED











LONG HAS HE IGNORED OUR PRAYERS!

OUT WITH THE KING!

YOU SPILL FORTH MORE LIES!

WILL THIS WAR NEVER CEASE?



ONLY THE DEAD AND THE CRIPPLED RETURN!



PLOWS AND SHEARS Lie Idle WHILE MEN ARE MARCHED TO WAR. NONE REMAIN BUT FOR THE SICK, THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN!



DOWN WITH THE TAXES!



SHALL YOU DRIVE US TO HARDSHIP IN YOUR VANITY?



WITH NO WORK, WE CANNOT PAY TAXES!



LET OUR LOVED ONES RETURN!









WISE
PEOPLE OF
LASTONIA!

REGAIN
YOURSELVES,
I SAY
THESE!



Mayal

PRINCESS
ALONG AM I?

HIS
MAJESTY'S
WAR WOUNDS
WILL NOT
ALLOW HIS
ATTENDANCE!

...
THINGS AND
EVENTS THAT
NO LONGER
SPEAK IN
DARKNESS

...
TOO WELL
DO WE KNOW,
YOUR BEING-
TROUBLED HANDS
PLAGUED WITH
SILENCE

...
THOU ART
NOT FAR
FROM THE
THOUGHTS OF
ROYALTY!

...
AND THE
HEAVY BURDEN
THAT HAS
COME FROM
TAXATION!

...
THAS HARLAND'S
CONQUERING
GREED THAT
TOOK OUR MINES,
BRINGING US TO
THIS STATE.

...
LASTONIA,
PROSPEROUS
AND CONTENT,
NOW IS LAMED
WITH WAR.





THE DAYS OF
PARLIAMENT ARE
RESOLVED TO
ALLEVIATE THY
PLIGHT AND THE
WOES OF OUR
KINGDOM!



AHON,
PEACE AND
GOOD FORTUNE
SHALL RETURN
TO US.

THOU,
I ASK THEE,
FORBEAR
FOR A LITTLE
WHILE
MORE!



SUCH DISTRESS
AND AFFLICTION
...

... IS NOT
WHAT THE
ROYAL FAMILY
DESERVES FOR
THEE



BELOVED
ARE THEE TO ME
AND THE ROYAL
FAMILY!

THIS
IS MY
TRUTH!





THE ROYAL
FAMILY HAS
EVER WITHHELD
ITSELF FROM
COMMONERS.

AND BUT A
BIT OF TIME
TO TRUST HER
LOVE...

"WIFE" AND
"BELOVED"
DO SHE CALL
TO THEM...



LIKE WIDE-EYED
CHILDREN, SOOTHED
FROM THEIR ANGER,
DOES THE KING HEAR
HER WORDS

SUCH
PROFLIGACY



THE
HEARTLESS
ALDIS...

GIVING LIKE
PERSONS
PREOCCUPIED



BLESSINGS
BE YOURS
PRINCESS
ALDIS!

LET
US ALL
ENJOY
THAT
PEACE WE
PROPERTY
IT

THAT YOU
BRING BACK
PEACE TO
LASTONIA,
AREN'T

SO SHALL
WE HOLD
TO YOU,
YOUR
HIGHNESS!

MERRAH
FOR
PRINCESS
ALDIS!

...HAS
MADE WISE
OF DISCONTENT
INTO GARDENS
OF JOYS.



ALONE...

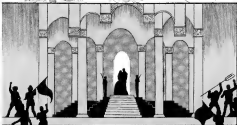


WELL...

YOUR
HIGHNESS

TRULY
YOU ARE A
PRINCESS. A
PRINCESS CAN
MAKE ROAST

MAGNIFI-
CIENT!



FRUSH

ZINE



I'M GOING
TO BUY SOME
JUICE AND
SANDWICHES

I
FEEL LIKE
I'M WAKING
FROM A
LONG, DEEP
DREAM...

THE
FIRST
ACT IS
OVER. 'N

The
intermission
will be
20 minutes
long.



NOW YOU
KNOW, A LOT OF PEOPLE
THOUGHT THAT
THE CASTING
WAS A MISTAKE

I'M STILL
IN SHOCK!

RETAKING AURA,
THE ONE WHO
PLAYS ALDO,
WAS SHE
REALLY THAT
BEAUTIFUL?

BAKA IT

I GET
EXCITED
WHEN ALDO
COMES ON
STAGE.

Flash

Flash

AYUMI
HASEKAWA
STOPS TALK
TO HER NAME.
SHE HAS AN
EXCEPTIONAL
PRESENCE

SHE'S
WONDERFUL,
A TRUSTED
DEDUCTION

SHE
SWITCHES
ME!

BUT, IF
YOU ASK AN,
AYUMI
HASEKAWA
IS REALLY
GOOD!

Ah...!





Without my
voice, this show,
you're also...



He's
already an
adult...

He's become a
man without
me nothing
it...

Purple Rose...

stay and watch
me until the end.

Only the thought
that you are
somewhere in the
audience is giving
me courage. :)

Without my
roses...





Purple Rose...

You're the one who I most
wish to see not
in this play!

I don't know
anything
about you,
your name,
your age...

You've always
supported me
from the
shadows...



Purple Rose...

AND IT
COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN OTHERWISE,
SINCE SHE IS THE
WINNER OF THE
ACADEMIC ARTS
AWARD.

ANYA
KITAHARA'S
ALSO WAS
RATHER GOOD BUT...

... FOR
THE MOMENT
AYUKI HIRAKURA
IS BETTER.

HA
HA
HA

IT'LL BE
INTERESTING
TO SEE THE
SECOND
ACT

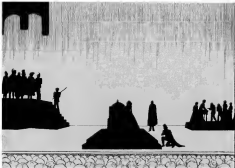
... THE TWO
CANDIDATES
FOR THE LEADING
ROLE OF THE
MASTERPIECE
"THE CRIMINAL
DOCTRINE"

THE ORIGIN
OF AYUKI
HIRAKURA AND
THE ALIAS OF
ANYA KITAHARA.



IN THE BEGINNING
MANY THOUGHT THE
SCENE APPROPRIATE
WAS A MISTAKE.
WHAT DO YOU
THINK NOW,
ONICORUS-SAMA?







THE KING ORDERED A REMISSION IN TAXATION FOR HER SHARE.

ALSO TO HER CREDIT...



AT HER CORONATION, BREAD AND SOUP IS OFFERED ONLY TO THE DESTITUTE.



ENDLESSLY DEBATE SUITABLE TERMS OF PEACE WITH HARLAND.

PARLIAMENT SESSIONS...



HARLAND HAS REFUSED THE TERMS.

YET WOULD THEY SHARE THE RIGHTS OF MINING, WITH EXTRACTION, PRODUCTION AND COMMERCE IN OUR PERVIEW...

THEY DESIRE THIS TRULY ALSO.

HARLAND HAS SUFFERED MORE GREATLY THAN LASTONIA IN THIS WAR.

YET FOR A SINGLE THROAT!

LASTONIA IS UNFORTUNATELY-WORTHY.

AND PROMISE OF FUTURE AID TO ALL EMPLOYERS, FINANCIAL AND MORE.

... BUT A
GAMBLE FOR
THAT LOVES
PEACE.

TO YOUR
GRACIOUS
MajESTY,
THE KING OF
HARLAND!

I HOPE YOU
CONSIDER ME,
ALSO, NOT THE
PRINCIPLE OF
AN ENEMY
KINGDOM.

~~~~~

AND,  
DOES A COURIER  
RETURN FROM  
HARLAND TO GIVE  
ANSWER.

... WITH A  
PERVANT PLEA  
FOR PEACE.

DELIVERED  
BY MESSENGER,  
ALSO EXPRESSED  
HER AFFECTION  
AND TRUST TO  
HOSTILE HARLAND  
...

ANY?  
AN INVITATION TO  
ATTEND HARLAND'S  
FOUNDING  
ANNIVERSARY??

TO SEE  
WHERE OUR  
COMMITMENTS  
LIE.

IT'S BUT  
A TEST FOR  
LASTONE AND  
PRINCIPLE  
ALONG!

... GREAT ADVANTAGE  
WOULD THEY  
HAVE TO HOLD  
YOU RANSOM!

YOUR  
HIGHNESS?  
IT'S A  
TRAP!

IN PEACE OR  
DECEPTION...





YOUR  
HAPPINESS...

SHE'S  
ENTRAN-  
CING...

I CAN'T  
TAKE MY  
EYES OFF  
HER...

WHAT A  
WONDERFUL  
SMILE THAT  
GIRL HAS.

SHE REALLY  
DOES HAVE  
THE SMILE OF  
AN ANGEL.

AS IF...  
SHE SEEMS  
CAPABLE TO  
FORGIVE  
ANYTHING

SHE'S  
GENTLE,  
INNOCENT

SUCH AN  
AIRA OF  
PURITY...





AS A TOKEN,  
SUCH GIFTS  
HAVE BEEN  
BROUGHT.

WITH A  
NACIRE  
HEART DO  
I EXTEND  
LORDSHE'S  
MY NATION'S  
CONGRATU-  
LATIONS.

IT'S AN HONOUR  
TO HAVE BEEN  
INVITED TO THE  
CELEBRATION OF  
YOUR KINGDOM'S  
FOUNDING.

MAY  
THEY BE  
PLEASING  
TO YOU!

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Yay!







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